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SUBJ: BICENTENNIAL PARTNERSHIP PROJECT

REF: USIA 0275 TUNIS 7935

1. POST REQUESTS GRANT OF \$33,000 TO BE MADE TO DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH, FACULTY OF LETTERS, UNIVERSITY OF TUNIS UNDER TERMS OF SPECIAL BICENTENNIAL PROJECT TO PROVIDE AN AMERICAN PROFESSOR OF AMERICAN STUDIES WITH EMPHASIS ON LITERATURE FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 1975-76 AND ESTABLISH A RESOURCE CENTER FOR AMERICAN STUDIES WITHIN DEPARTMENT.

2. UNIVERSITY'S COMMITMENT RANGES FROM TD 13,440 (\$33,768) TO TD 16,590, DEPENDENT ON SALARY OFFERED WHICH MINIMUM TD 400 TO MAXIMUM TD 450 PER MONTH, VALUE ASSIGNED SERVICES AND FACILITIES WHICH UNIVERSITY TO PROVIDE, ETC. BREAKDOWN AS FOLLOWS: (IN TUNISIAN DINARS - \$1.00 - TD0.398)

SALARY: TD 400-450, DEPENDING ON EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS	MIN. 4,800
MAX. 5,400	

OVERTIME: 2 TO 4 HOURS PER WEEK	MIN. 840
MAX. 1,680	

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SUMMER VACATION: AT FULL PAY WITH

NO TEACHING LOAD MIN. 1,200
MAX. 1,350

FREE TIME DURING ACADEMIC YEAR MIN. 1,200
MAX. 1,200

OFFICE SPACE (TD 50-100 PER MONTH FOR EQUIVALENT COMMERCIAL SPACE)	MIN. 600 MAX. 1,200
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LIBRARY SPACE FOR RESOURCE CENTER	MIN. 4,800
MAX. 4,800	

1/3 OF TIME OF TWO CUSTODIANS WHOSE FULL
MONTHLY SALARY TD 120 MIN. 960
MAX. 960

3. GOAL OF PROJECT IS TO ESTABLISH ONGOING PROGRAM IN AMERICAN STUDIES AT UNIVERSITY OF TUNIS. WE WOULD HOPE THAT PRIORITY OBJECTIVE ON PART OF THE PROFESSOR RECRUITED WOULD BE THE IDENTIFICATION OF A PRIMISING YOUNG TUNISIAN WHO COULD PURSUE AN ADVANCED DEGREE AT AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY AND EVENTUALLY REPLACE THE AMERICAN. POST IS WILLING TO COMMIT FUNDS FROM ITS CU ALLOCATION TO SUPPORT SUCH A STUDENT. IN ADDITION, RESOURCE CENTER, ONCE ESTABLISHED, COULD BE KEPT UP-TO-DATE WITH RELATIVELY SMALL INPUT IN TERMS OF BOOK PRESENTATIONS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, ETC. FROM POST'S GOE.

4. IMPERATIVE PROFESSOR BE HIGHLY QUALIFIED IN FIELD OF SPECIALIZATION AND AN EFFECTIVE AND EXPERIENCE TEACHER. IN KEEPING WITH FRENCH TRADITION, STUDENT-FACULTY RELATIONS AT U. TUNIS SOMEWHAT FORMAL AND REMOTE. WE HOPE AN AMERICAN PRESENCE COULD INJECT A NOTE OF RAPPORT WITH STUDENTS.

5. LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION IN ENGLISH DEPARTMENT IS ENGLISH. HOWEVER, PROFESSOR SHOULD HAVE WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF FRENCH OR ARABIC, AS ONE OF THESE LANGUAGES ESSENTIAL FOR DAY-TO-DAY COMMUNICATION AND ALL SOCIAL CONTACT OUTSIDE OF DEPARTMENT CIRCLES.

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5. UNIVERSITY WOULD USE GRANT TO AUGMENT PROFESSOR'S SALARY IF NECESSARY, COVER TRAVEL, EDUCATION HOUSING AND OTHER EXPENSES, AND TO FURNISH AND EQUIP RESOURCE CENTER, INCLUDING AUDIO-VISUAL HARD AND SOFTWARE, BOOKS, PERIODICALS, ETC. FINAL ALLOCATIONS WILL BE MADE IN CONSULTATION WITH AMERICAN PROFESSOR. FYI, BELIEVE FACT THAT BULK OF GRANT WILL BE EXPENDED EITHER FOR U.S. PRODUCTS OR LOCALLY IN EXCESS CURRENCY. MINIMIZING DOLLAR OUTFLOW. GIVES ADDED ATTRACTION

TO PROJECT.

6. ADVISE IF ADDITIONAL POUCHED INFORMATION REQUIRED.
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